

Blackpool Council – Communications & Regeneration

Revenue summary - budget, actual and forecast:

FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE			VARIANCE	2020/21 (UNDER)/OVER SPEND £000	VARIANCE					
	ADJUSTED CASH LIMITED BUDGET £000	EXPENDITURE APR - JUN £000	2021/22		F/CAST FULL YEAR VAR. (UNDER) / OVER £000		NON-COVID		COVID-19			
			PROJECTED SPEND £000	FORECAST OUTTURN £000			GROSS	DIRECT SERVICE GRANTS	CCG CONTRIBUTION	SALES, FEES & CHARGES	NET	
COMMUNICATIONS & REGENERATION												
NET EXPENDITURE												
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES	312	(3,556)	3,868	312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLANNING	496	(281)	777	496	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS	2,737	893	2,297	3,190	453	-	235	309	-	-	(91)	218
TOTALS	3,545	(2,944)	6,942	3,998	453	-	235	309	-	-	(91)	218

Commentary on the key issues:

Directorate Summary – basis

The Revenue summary (above) lists the outturn projection for each individual service area within the Directorate against their respective, currently approved, revenue budget. The forecast outturn of £453k overspend is based upon actual financial performance for the first 3 months of 2021/22 together with predictions of performance, anticipated pressures and efficiencies in the remainder of the financial year, all of which have been agreed with each head of service. Of the £453k overspend, £218k is attributable to Covid.

Economic Development and Cultural Services

This service is expecting a break-even position in 2021/22.

Planning

This service is expecting a break-even position in 2021/22.

Tourism & Communications

There is an expected pressure in this area of £453k including a net Covid pressure of £218k.

The Illuminations service is currently forecasting a pressure of £116k. This is made up of a £99k additional cost of extending the Illuminations period till the end of December, £13k of additional staff costs due to Covid and an £8k loss of income from business collections (£3k after the Sales, Fees and Charges compensation scheme).

Visit Blackpool is expecting a pressure of £299k. Of this pressure, £164k relates to Covid of which £87k is lost advertising income on shelters and £77k relates to lost resort pass income. These figures are after £23k of Sales, Fees & Charges compensation scheme income has been applied. There is a non-Covid pressure of £135k forecast which is mainly additional costs for Switch-on (£116k) and increased rates costs on shelters.

Covid

The Communications & Regeneration Directorate has a gross pressure of £309k relating to Covid. It is expected that Sales, Fees and Charges compensation claims amounting to £91k will be received. The net Covid pressure is £218k which is included in the above table.

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